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SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

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## Overview

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Southern Command personnel handled 1,193 crashes as compared to 1,306 crashes in December of 2006. The total crashes decreased by 8.7% compared to last year. As compared to last year, crashes that resulted in fatalities increased by 600%, this equates to 6 more fatal crashes in December 2007. The Southern Command preliminary documentation identified an 18.5 % decrease in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes as compared to last December. Of the 44 commercial crashes investigated this month, 12 resulted in injuries, and the remaining 32 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 3.7% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command. Impaired drivers were responsible for 4.7% off all crashes in the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services Section of the Southern Command processed 823 crash reports in December 2007. This resulted in 4,567 crash reports being mailed out, 15% less than last year during December. There were 910 visitors, requesting police services, at the Front Office which was an increase of 17.4% when compared to December 2006. The Southern Command Communication Center logged 25,568 CAD incidents and 30,939 telephone calls. The CAD incidents can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes, motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

The Southern Command had an increase in overall traffic enforcement of 12.7% in December 2007, as compared to December 2006. DUI arrests from crashes decreased by 31% as compared to last year. DUI arrests prior to crashes also decreased by over 7% as compared to last year.

The Commercial Enforcement Section decreased its Hazardous moving violation citations by 18% compared to last December. The number of Safety Inspections increased by 22% compared to last year. This resulted in 77 vehicles and 62 drivers being placed "Out of Service". This decrease in hazardous moving enforcement is being addressed with the Commercial Enforcement Section.

The Southern Command is driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence. The Southern Command extends a thank you to all those who assisted us in gaining success in our law enforcement services this past month.

**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

	December 07	December 06	% Change	November 07	% Change
Total crashes	1193	1307	-8.7%	1311	-9.0%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	919	994	-7.5%	996	-7.7%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	267	312	-14.4%	309	-13.6%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	7	1	600.0%	6	16.7%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	56	81	-30.9%	57	-1.8%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	7	1	600.0%	6	16.7%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	4	0	400.0%	4	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	1	-100.0%	1	-100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	3	0	300.0%	0	300.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0	0	0.0%	1	-100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	44	54	-18.5%	49	-10.2%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	32	44	-27.3%	42	-23.8%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	12	10	20.0%	6	100.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	0	0.0%	1	-100.0%

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes .6 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.7%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 57.1%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 3.7%
- ✱ Total crashes down 8.7 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes down 18.5% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes up 600 % as compared to last year.

## FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	December 07		December 06	% Change		November 07	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	56		81	-30.9%		57	-1.8%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	227		246	-7.7%		197	15.2%
Other arrests	1125		1054	6.7%		968	16.2%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	474		465	1.9%		433	9.5%
Speed violations	4770		4079	16.9%		4383	8.8%
Hazardous moving violations	2303		2192	5.1%		2365	-2.6%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	1527		749	103.9%		771	98.1%
Total violations [above violations included]	13752		12197	12.7%		12194	12.8%
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	62		76	-18.4%		64	-3.1%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	218		242	-9.9%		166	31.3%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	1171		961	21.9%		768	52.5%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	3		0	300.0%		3	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	304		338	-10.1%		330	-7.9%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1482		1824	-18.8%		1284	15.4%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	77		139	-44.6%		83	-7.2%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	62		155	-60.0%		56	10.7%
Total school buses inspected	56		25	124.0%		336	-83.3%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	8		8	0.0%		47	-83.0%
Total trucks weighed	106		668	-84.1%		186	-43.0%
Total overweight citations	23		32	-28.1%		21	9.5%
Total dyed fuel inspections	1158		12011	-90.4%		766	51.2%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		4	-400.0%		1	-100.0%

\*Seatbelt and Child Restraint    ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Cid Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	1		24		23
Safety Violations Citation	3		13		8
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>			22		10
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	1		2		
Dyed Fuel Inspections			20		
Dyed Fuel Citations					

**DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Average BAC 0.16%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 32 years old.
- ✱ .5% of the DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 3.7% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</b>	December 2007		December 2006	% Change		November 2007	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>							
Radio Transmissions from Console	344,583		123,627	178.7%		269,040	28.1%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	1,734,787		1,333,541	30.1%		1,074,239	61.5%
CAD Incidents	26,568		28,139	-5.6%		25,046	6.1%
Telephone Calls	30,939		35,128	-11.9%		35,996	-14.0%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	61		28	117.9%		69	-11.6%
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>							
Accident Reports Processed	823		709	16.1%		1,687	-51.2%
Arrest Reports Processed	433		365	18.6%		347	24.8%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	16		7	128.6%		16	
Vehicle Impound Releases	82		103	-20.4%		117	-29.9%
Visitors at Counter	910		775	17.4%		925	-1.6%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	4,567		5,380	-15.1%		6,224	-26.6%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>							
Warrants Received	1052		565	86.2%		896	17.4%
Warrants Entered	1778		293	506.8%		236	653.4%
Warrants Cleared	246		187	31.6%		472	-47.9%
Warrants Validated	2323		3599	-35.5%		1808	28.5%
Extradition / Transports	8		16	-50.0%		16	-50.0%
<b>EVIDENCE</b>							
New Cases Submitted	41		66	-37.9%		57	-28.1%
New Items Submitted	88		114	-22.8%		120	-26.7%
Items Disposed	7		9	-22.2%		19	-63.2%

**EVIDENCE**

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 95% of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 5 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Attorney General's Office is responsible for 0 % of case submissions.

**CONTRACT SERVICES**

- ✱ 17 Contracts using 602 hours, billed in the amount of \$40,235.62

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
1045	13	143	38	8

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
489	320	44	136	120	16

Community service appearances:

- Las Vegas College, Centennial H.S., Coronado H.S., Arbor View H.S., Advanced Technologies.

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

- Seatbelt and Traffic Safety Presentation w/AAA Nevada
- NHTSA teen aged seat belt planning meeting
- Work with statewide consultant group / expansion of P.A.C.E. Teen program
- Further planning of 2007 Great Santa Run w/Opportunity Village
- Meeting of Las Vegas traffic Advisory Task Force
- Traffic Safety Presentation for returning members of Nevada National Guard
- P.A.C.E. Yourself teen driving program / partners meeting
- Participate in IR15 Coordinating meeting with NDOT, Cal-Trans, and CHP
- "Step out for Safety" memorial walk
- Shop with a Cop 2007 planning meeting
- Multiple Press Conferences for Teen Seatbelt Programs
- Training for Meth 360 Project
- Safety Fair @ Tropical Smoothie
- 2007 You Drink, You Drive, You Lose planning meetings @ UMC
- Recruiting display at Nellis AFB Aviation nation

PIO Projects:

1. HEAT Racing.
2. Driver's Edge Program.
3. Use of Seatbelt Convincer.
4. Continued research and information gathering on DPS Courage to Live Program.